

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed as a response to the Official Action mailed October 3, 2002. As discussed in the accompanying Petition For Reconsideration of Holding of Abandonment, the Official Action was never received in the offices of the undersigned. This Amendment is accompanying the Petition For Reconsideration of Holding of Abandonment and provides a complete response to the original Official Action. As such, and in light of the amendments made in this response, the application should be considered in condition for allowance and the case passed to issue.

The indication of allowability of claims 12-21 is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Arleo et al. This rejection has been obviated by the cancellation of claims 1-11. Hence, only allowed claims remain in the application.

In light of the amendment and remarks above, this application should be considered in condition for allowance and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

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paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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